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For: **TARGETING ANTIGEN-SPECIFIC CELLS FOR SPECIFIC IMMUNOTHERAPY
OF AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE**

SECOND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 13, 2001 and the Advisory Action dated November 16, 2001. Claims 41-67 are currently pending and are rejected. A Notice of Appeal was filed on December 13, 2001. Thus we believe no fees are due to make this response timely filed. If any fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

REMARKS

The Invention

The invention is drawn to a method of ablating auto-antigen-specific T cells in an autoimmune disease patient. Antigen presenting cells (APCs) are removed from an autoimmune disease patient. A polynucleotide that encodes all or a portion of an auto-antigen to which the